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SUBJECT: FRG ATTITUDE IN WAKE OF FRG-GDR TRANSIT  
COMMISSION (TC) MEETING

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1. IN A MEETING OF THE BONN GROUP ON AUGUST 7, FRG REP (KASTRUP) TOLD US THAT REMARKS BY THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN FOLLOWING THE TC MEETING, TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FRG WOULD NOW HAVE TO CONTEMPLATE SUBMITTING THE ISSUE TO THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF THE TRANSIT TRAFFIC AGREEMENT (TTA), WERE MADE LARGELY FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. IN PREPARATIONS FOR A CABINET MEETING THAT MORNING (AUGUST 7), THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRG NOT PRESS THE MATTER FURTHER WITH THE GDR AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT.

2. IT APPEARS THAT THIS LINE FOUND AGREEMENT WITHIN THE  
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GOVERNMENT. FOLLOWING THE CABINET MEETING, GOVERNMENT

SPOKESMAN GRUENEWALD PLAYED DOWN THE POSSIBILITY OF ARTICLE 19 NEGOTIATIONS SAYING ONLY THAT THE FRG WILL BE CONSULTING THE THREE POWERS AS TO THE FURTHER HANDLING OF THE MATTER. HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SEE ITSELF UNDER TIME PRESSURE.

3. COMMENT: IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH FRG REPS WE HAVE GOTTEN THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS HOPING THAT THE SITUATION WILL SIMPLY DIE AWAY. THIS ATTITUDE, PLUS PUBLIC PRESSURE FROM OPPOSITION SPOKESMEN TO "AGAIN" CONSULT WITH THE ALLIES, EXPLAINS GRUENEWALD'S STATEMENT.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SUCH FRG STATEMENTS COULD CREATE IMPRESSION THAT FURTHER FRG AND/OR ALLIED MOVES MAY BE IN THE OFFING

IN OUR CONTINUING CONTACTS WITH GERMAN REPS WE WILL SOUND THEM OUT FURTHER AS TO ANY SPECIFIC IDEAS THEY MAY HAVE, AND DRAW THEIR ATTENTION TO POSSIBLE DANGERS OF CREATING WHAT MAY BE A FALSE IMPRESSION.

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